(18) Departmental Safety Committee meetings are held in 25 departments under the chairmanship of the concerned Heads of Departments where Safety related problems in their departments are discussed.

Surrendering medals by Commonwealth medal winners

†3314. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sports persons being aggrieved by non-payment of declared amount due to be paid by Government to the Commonwealth medal winners, have surrendered their medals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to check the humiliating treatment being meted out to them as also to confer honours upon them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) No, Sir. No sportspersons has surrendered his/her medal to the Government.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Transparency of Dope Testing Facility

3315. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:
SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tokyo Dope testing facility which is associated with IOC has charged the Indian Dope testing facility with non transparency;

(b) whether the Indian Dope testing facility is currently run by Sports Authority of India which is not associated with the IOC;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the clearing of Sunita Rani and finding many athletes and sportspersons guilty of using dope during the National games is justified when the facility is not even associated with IOC; and

(d) the details of all banned dope and related substances for sportspersons by IOC and whether the Indian facility is capable of testing on all of them, if so, the names thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Dope testing facility is currently run under the Sports Authority of India which is not associated with IOC. However, it is to be noted that Sports Authorities of many countries are not associates with IOC. Only National Olympic Committees are associated with IOC.

(c) A laboratory does not require IOC accreditation for testing dope samples at national level. Moreover, the laboratory of Sports Authority of India is the only available laboratory in India and is recognized by Government of India and National Olympic Committee. This is an ISO 9001 certified lab and has recently been recommended for ISO-17025 Certification by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), the only certifying agency of the Government of India. Ms. Sunita Rani's name was cleared of the charge of doping by the Olympic Council of Asia after an appeal was preferred by the Amateur Athletic Federation of India.

(d) International Olympic Committee/World Anti-Doping Agency releases the complete list of banned drugs and related substances every year which is enclosed at Annexure [*See* Appendix 199 Annexure No. 15.] The list is forwarded to National Olympic Committee of India and all National Sports Federations. The Indian facility is fully capable of testing all the banned drugs.

Competition from China in steel export

3316. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China is the biggest consumer and importer of steel, with the demand growing at the rate of 15 million tonnes per month;